

Providing Tax Relief for Veterans

I proudly introduced a proposal to deliver a **major tax break for retired veterans by providing a 100 percent state income tax exemption** for federally taxable military retirement pay. Current law in Connecticut provides for a 50 percent exemption of federal retirement pay to retired members of the Armed Forces which benefits approximately 11,000 Connecticut veteran taxpayers each year.



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Improving In-Home Care for Seniors

More than 700,000 Connecticut residents provide care to their loved ones with in-home care services. Unfortunately, many caregivers feel unprepared to perform the medical tasks necessary to keep their loved ones out of the hospital.

The **CARE (Caregiver Advise, Record and Enable) Act** was developed by the AARP to help ensure caregivers receive the information and training they need to care for their loved ones at home by:

- Providing seniors the opportunity to designate a caregiver upon hospital admission
- Notifying caregivers of patient discharge status—to another facility or back home
- Supplying caregivers with medication management and other medical task instructions during in-home care

Protecting Your Privacy

After one of Connecticut's largest health insurers announced a major data breach, my colleagues and I proposed legislation requiring the encryption of all personal data stored and transmitted by health insurance companies operating in Connecticut.



Our proposal would **require any health insurance company that holds, uses or transmits personal information to adopt secure user authentication protocols** and upgrade information safeguards to limit future risks. All personal data, whether stored or transmitted, should be encrypted. According to cybersecurity experts, current encryption technology can limit the amount of data that even “authorized users” can view at one time, making it more difficult to compromise massive amounts of data.